

AN ACT concerning boards and commissions.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Military Code of Illinois is amended by
adding Section 25.6 as follows:

(20 ILCS 1805/25.6 new)

Sec. 25.6. Illinois Military Flags Commission.

(a) The Illinois Military Flags Commission is established for the purpose of assisting the Adjutant General with his or her responsibilities under Section 25 of this Code. The Commission shall advise the Adjutant General on how to best collect, preserve, and present or display to the public the colors, flags, guidons, and military trophies of war belonging to the State in order to disseminate information relating to the history of the Illinois National Guard.

(b) The Commission consists of 15 members: the Adjutant General, the State Historian, the Director of the Illinois State Museum, and the Director of the Historic Preservation Agency, all ex officio; 4 members of the General Assembly, one of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, one by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and 7 residents of the State appointed by the Governor. When appointing members to the Commission, the Governor must endeavor to appoint persons in a manner to maintain as regionally diverse a membership as possible. Persons appointed to the Commission should provide it with experience in areas such as, but not limited to, knowledge of military history, particularly of the American Civil War, and the

education of citizens. Any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled by an appointment in the same manner as the original appointment. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(c) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2006.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.